GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:215
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2016
Maintenance of Tourist Spots
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instituted any structured mechanism to maintain tourist spots in different States of the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has launched any specific scheme in this regard;
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the year/State-wise and tourist place-wise details of the funds allocated and utilised for this purpose during the last two years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*215 ANSWERED ON 01.08.2016 REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF TOURIST SPOTS.

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) under its Plan Schemes Swadesh Darshan and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism destinations/sites/spots, subject to the availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines. Maintenance of assets created under these Schemes is the responsibility of the concerned State/UTs.

MoT also provides funds to the Central Agencies for certain infrastructural development in places of tourist interest, such as illumination, sound & light shows, development of cruise terminals etc. under the Plan Scheme "Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development". The Revised Guidelines dated 24.09.2015 of this scheme provide for Operation & Maintenance Cost for initial period of 3 years from the date of start of operation, subject to certain conditions and limits.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 3686 numbers of protected monuments of National importance for which there is a structured mechanism for conservation and maintenance. The conservation work on them is attended regularly by the ASI under the allocation of budget for "Conservation of Ancient Monuments". The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for last two years and allocation for the current financial year, State-wise, are given in Annexure.

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